



Open Space Committee

Minutes

Thursday, October 26, 2017
Town Hall Annex, First Floor

Present: Brian Kelder, Jane Auger, Ann LeRoyer, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, and John Pickle, Elena Bartholomew, Kelsey Cowen, and David White

Absent: Wendy Richter, Nat Strosberg, Teresa DeBenedictis,

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm
Minutes from September accepted without change.

Take A Walk – The committee decided to table work on the maps until November 9th meeting when Adam Kurowski would come to demonstrate the town's online mapping application.

Kelsey mentioned that Sara from ACMI would be interested in sending someone around the walking routes with a GoPro to have an interactive tour of the routes. Elisabeth offered to go around with her. Kelsey will connect them.

Open Space Plan Tracking – John and Brian trained the committee to use the online tracking system for Open Space projects. The main goal of this system is to keep an up-to-date index for future OSC members to search what we've done for the next Open Space Plan.

Ann/Brian will add a list of everyone's tracking "assignments" into the folder so everyone is aware of what each member is "responsible" for. Members were tasked to keep working on documenting their assigned Open Space projects. Brian will be the overall monitor and keep track of coding per the Action Plan.

Picture Post – John will determine the next post sites over the winter and begin making connections in order to place them in desired locations. Once springtime comes, and the ground is no longer frozen, the posts can be placed at the chosen sites.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparation (MVP) Grant – Town has a \$23,000 grant for a Community Resilience Building. Kleinfelder will be the consultant for the Arlington program. They already have experience working in Cambridge on Alewife Brook and that part of town.

OSC Website/Facebook – Ann will contact Joan Roman to add information on OSC website.

Jane created a Facebook page for OSC, has posted a few things, and will make Kelsey another administrator.

CPA Projects – The Robbins Farm project is nearing completion of contractor’s work, but there are still a few projects that need to be completed before it opens. The basketball courts are open and being used. The farmhouse foundation and a platform for the dog statue and plaque are ready. There’s some hold up in getting the statue to Robbins Farm, and if the contractor pulls out before the statue is installed, Friends of Robbins Farm will need to install it. More work is needed to finish up the garden, but otherwise there was quite a bit more done within the contract than originally expected.

A public meeting was held on 10/26/17 with about 20 people for a Reservoir Master Plan Feasibility Study to continue collecting feedback and public input for major renovations and improvements to the beach and natural areas of the Res. There is another meeting on November 30. The project will apply for CPA funding for phase 2 in Jan 2018.

There will be a Park and Rec joint meeting with Conservation Commission on 11/14/17 to discuss Spy Pond erosion control project.

Some other upcoming projects include: Wellington Park restoration (RFP on Mystic River Watershed’s website), long range planning for turf fields, town gardens, Whittemore Park relandscaping (hasn’t started yet), a study on ash bore disease (Tree Committee).

2017 Meeting Dates -- November 9, December 14

Submitted by Kelsey Cowen